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1. On 5 September 1950 the Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelder Strasse, Naumburg (M 52/J 89), quartered 200 to 250 troops, about 20 percent of whom were officers. About 70 percent of the M were red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia, and 30 percent black epaulets. About half of the troops were recruits. Four trucks and an ambulance with
- 25X1C [redacted] were near the garages.

2. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburger Strasse was occupied by about 250 troops, 10 to 15 percent of whom were officers. Most of the officers were seen in the building next to the guardhouse; apparently the headquarters building housed the headquarters of a rifle regiment which was at a troop training grounds in Thuringia at the time. About 90 percent of the troops in the barracks wore red-bordered black epaulets and about 10 percent black-bordered red epaulets.
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3. The Hubertus Kaserne on the northern side of Flemminger Weg quartered about 150 troops, about 15 percent of whom were officers. About 60 percent of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets, 15 percent black-bordered black epaulets and 5 percent black-bordered red epaulets. Only a few recruits and no motor traffic were observed.
4. About 60 troops, 15 percent of whom were officers, were observed in the Blucher Kaserne on the southern side of Flemminger Weg. About 60 percent of the troops wore black-bordered red epaulets and about 40 percent of the troops including recruits, wore black-bordered black epaulets. The former belonged to a guard detail of a rifle unit which had been quartered in the installation in the spring of 1950. The latter belonged to a small technical training unit, either a signal or an engineer unit. [redacted] in the billeting area. The garages in the southern section of the installation were still empty.
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5. The Barbara Kaserne on Breitscheidstrasse quartered about 120 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia. About 10 percent of the troops were officers and about 80 percent recruits.
6. Gate guards in front of the MG Kaserne on Nordstrasse wore red-border black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Only a guard detail seemed to be located in the installation.
7. The sentry in front of the superior provincial court building near the cathedral wore black-bordered red epaulets without insignia. No traffic to the buildings was observed.
8. The Ross Hotel on Jakobsring seemed to be a Soviet officers' billet. A general, five field grade officers of various branches of service and several junior officers of various branches of service were seen there on 8 September 1950. *

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[] Comment. The estimates of the number of troops in the various billeting areas vary only slightly from the last report [] 25X1X

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reported the Ross Hotel to quarter a unit headquarters, allegedly a division headquarters, in mid-February 1950. []

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